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Sir:

I, Ali Hemmati-Brivanlou, Ph.D., do hereby declare as follows:

- [1] That my address is: 430 East 63rd Street, Apt. 12H  
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- [2] That I am a co-inventor of the subject application along with Daniel C.

Weinstein;

[3] That I am a coauthor, along with Daniel C. Weinstein and Eric Honore, of the Journal Article, entitled "Epidermal induction and inhibition of neural fate by translation initiation factor 4AIII" [Weinstein *et al.*, *Development* 124(21):4235-42 (1997)] cited by the Examiner of the above-cited application in the March 15, 2000 Official Action.

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[4] That coauthor, Eric Honore, was not involved in the conception of the present invention, but rather was under my control and supervision and therefore, was properly not named as a co-inventor of the present invention; and

[5] That the article entitled "Epidermal induction and inhibition of neural fate by translation initiation factor 4AIII" [Weinstein *et al.*, *Development* **124**(21):4235-42 (1997)] cited by the Examiner was therefore not a publication or a public disclosure by "another" under 35 U.S.C. §102(a).

[6] I declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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